N THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 7297 of 2007
Date of decision 21 .05 .2007.

Jagmohan Sharma

..... petitioner.

versus

National Insurance Company and others.

..... respondents.

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S.KHEHAR.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE L.N.MITTAL.

Present : Mr. B.S.Walia, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. D.R.Bansal, Advocate for respondents.

J.S.KHEHAR.J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for respondents states that if three months' time is given to the respondents, the proceedings initiated against the petitioner on the basis of charge sheets dated 18.3.2003 (Annexure P-1) and dated 24.6.2004 (Annexure P-4) shall be completed.

A perusal of the factual position noticed in the pleadings of the case reveals that the first charge sheet is pending at the instance of the respondents for a period of four years, whereas the second charge sheet

was issued three years back. We find the prayer made by the learned counsel for the respondents is reasonable.

Accordingly, we direct the respondents to complete both the departmental inquiries against the petitioner within three months from today failing which the respondents will open the sealed cover procedure adopted while considering the claim of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Deputy Manager.

Needless to state that the petitioner will cooperate with the departmental proceedings which have been initiated against him by the respondents. In case the petitioner does not cooperate in the inquiry proceedings, it will be open to the respondents to proceed against him ex-parte if called for, in accordance with law.

Instant writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(J.S.KHEHAR)
JUDGE

(L.N.MITTAL)
JUDGE

May 21, 2007
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